Schemes of SAI Task Force for Assam

2320. DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the specific schemes for Assam recommended by the Task Force in the meeting held on 21st July, 2000 by SAI, with State Secretaries and Directors of Sports of North East;

(b) whether these recommendations have been accepted by Government; and

(c) if so, what is the plan of schedule of action for these schemes in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) The Task Force for formulating a composite Action Plan for the development and promotion of Sports- and Youth Affairs in the North-Eastern Region including Sikkim was constituted on 06.03.2000. Its first meeting was held on 19 April, 2000 wherein a decision was taken to constitute two sub-groups *viz.* Infrastructure and Finance Groups to assist the Task Force in the drawal of the Action Plan. The Infrastructure Group has since submitted its report wherein certain recommendations have been made about the requirements of infrastructure in respect of Assam also. This report is, now being referred to the Finance Group for its consideration/recommendation. It is only on receipt of the recommendations of the Finance Group that the Task Force will consider both the reports in unison and will finally make recommendations to the Government.

Shortfall of Coaches in Assam

2321. DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a shortfall of 32 coaches in Assam, as per SAI norm;

(b) what action Government would propose, to fill up the shortfall; and

(c) whether 30 NIS-trained coaches locally available in Assam, who are yet to get appointment, would be appointed against the existing vacancies, in preference over other applicants to fill up the above 32 post?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A major constraint in filling up the vacancies of coaches in Assam as well as other States of India is because of the following factors:

(i) The total availability of SAI coaches in the country being limited to only 1600, and there being a ban on further recruitment, the vacancies in several States could not be filled up.

(ii) The Scheme has been reviewed by the Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance, whereby the need for possing of **SAI** coaches to District Coaching Centres is to be reassessed resulting in reduction of coaches in each State.

After a final decision on the study made by the SIU, it may be possible to re-assess the requirement, and based on total availablity, make necessary adjustments to meet the requirement.

(c) As mentioned at points (a) and (b) the Government has imposed a ban on recruitment in SAI, pending final decision on the SIU review report.

Stadia of 1982 Asian Games

2322. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many stadia were built at the time of Asian Games in 1982;

(b) what are the sports activities presently continuing there;

(c) what is the maintenance expenditure on these stadia, year-wise;